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Sir:

Enclosed herewith are the necessary papers for filing the following application for Letters Patent:

Applicant : JÜRGEN STABEL-WEINHEIMER ET AL.

Title : METHOD FOR PREVENTING FRETTING DAMAGE TO FUEL RODS, NUCLEAR REACTOR FUEL ELEMENT, DEVICE FOR PREVENTING FRETTING DAMAGE, AND SPACER IN A FUEL ASSEMBLY OF A NUCLEAR REACTOR

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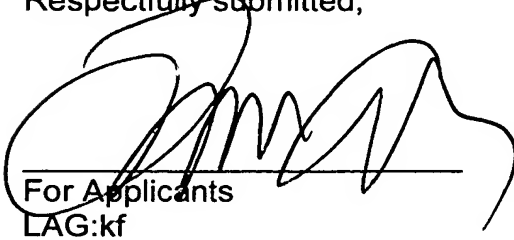
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